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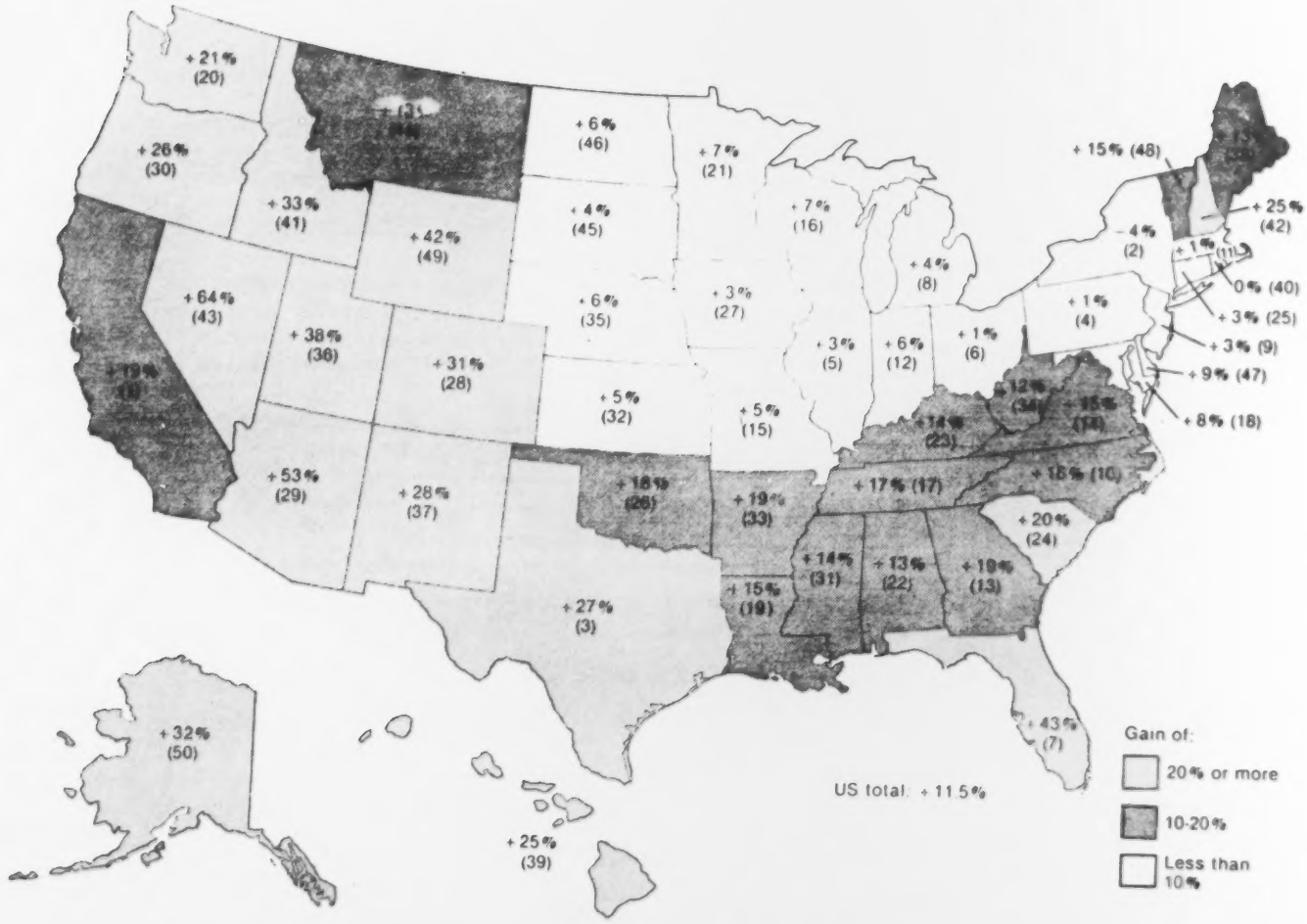
# NEBRASKA Work Trends

February 1981

POPULATION GROWTH AND RANK BY STATE 1/
(Percent Change, 1970-80; Rank() in 1980)

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## ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

February 1981

| | Preliminary Feb 1981 | Revised Jan 1981 | Revised Feb 1980 | Change From: Jan 1981 | Change From: Feb 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEBRASKA | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 762,500 | 755,100 | 758,400 | 7,400 | 4,100 |
| Employment | 722,750 | 715,500 | 727,200 | 7,250 | -4,450 |
| Unemployment | 39,750 | 39,600 | 31,200 | 150 | 8,550 |
| Unemployment rate [2] | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.1 | xxx | xxx |
| OMAHA SMSA [3] | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 279,350 | 277,300 | 280,700 | 2,050 | -1,350 |
| Employment | 263,550 | 261,100 | 266,850 | 2,450 | -3,300 |
| Unemployment | 15,800 | 16,200 | 13,850 | -400 | 1,950 |
| Unemployment rate [2] | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.9 | xxx | xxx |
| LINCOLN SMSA [4] | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 111,000 | 110,600 | 110,050 | 400 | 950 |
| Employment | 106,100 | 105,800 | 106,350 | 300 | - 250 |
| Unemployment | 4,900 | 4,800 | 3,700 | 100 | 1,200 |
| Unemployment rate [2] | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.3 | xxx | xxx |

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 238,500 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,850 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 150 from January 1981 to February 1981, reaching a new total of 39,750. The February 1981 total was 8,550 more than in February 1980. The unemployment rate in February 1981 remained the same that it had been in January 1981 (5.2 percent), and compared to 4.1 percent in February 1980.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 400 from January 1981 to February 1981, but increased by 1,950 from February 1980. The unemployment rate edged downward, month-to-month, from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent, but rose from the 4.9 percent of February 1980.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA had a very small gain of 100 from January 1981 to February 1981, and increased by 1,200 from February 1980. The unemployment rate increased from 4.3 percent in January 1981 to 4.4 percent in February 1981, and compared to 3.3 percent in February 1980.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 11,350 from February 1981 to March 1981, reaching a new total of 773,850. The unemployment segment is projected as 38,750, while the employment segment is projected as 735,100.

# ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

| INDUSTRY | Feb 1981 [2] | Jan 1981 [3] | Feb 1980 [3] | Change From Jan 1981 | Change From Feb 1980 | Percent Change From Feb 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY | 619,898 | 619,242 | 623,788 | 656 | -3,890 | - 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 95,308 | 95,596 | 99,763 | -288 | -4,455 | - 4.5 |
| Durable goods | 48,517 | 48,221 | 52,169 | 296 | -3,652 | - 7.0 |
| Construction material | 4,586 | 4,674 | 4,672 | - 88 | - 86 | - 1.8 |
| Lumber & wood products, except furniture | 2,229 | 2,242 | 2,053 | - 13 | 176 | 8.6 |
| Stone, clay, glass & concrete products | 2,357 | 2,432 | 2,619 | - 75 | - 262 | -10.0 |
| Furniture & fixtures | 1,684 | 1,657 | 1,813 | 27 | - 129 | - 7.1 |
| Metals | 9,083 | 8,908 | 9,590 | 175 | - 507 | - 5.3 |
| Primary metal industries | 1,859 | 1,879 | 1,946 | - 20 | - 87 | - 4.5 |
| Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment | 7,224 | 7,029 | 7,644 | 195 | - 420 | - 5.5 |
| Machinery except electrical | 13,145 | 12,942 | 13,606 | 203 | - 461 | - 3.4 |
| Farm machinery & equipment | 7,538 | 7,409 | 8,051 | 129 | - 513 | - 6.4 |
| Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies | 9,581 | 9,577 | 11,002 | 4 | -1,421 | -12.9 |
| Transportation equipment | 4,928 | 4,900 | 5,910 | 28 | - 982 | -16.6 |
| Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment | 2,316 | 2,325 | 3,156 | - 9 | - 840 | -26.6 |
| Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.) | 5,510 | 5,563 | 5,576 | - 53 | - 66 | - 1.2 |
| Nondurable goods | 46,791 | 47,375 | 47,594 | -584 | - 803 | - 1.7 |
| Food & kindred products | 27,263 | 27,635 | 27,937 | -372 | - 674 | - 2.4 |
| Meat products | 13,659 | 13,826 | 14,052 | -167 | - 393 | - 2.8 |
| Dairy products | 1,863 | 1,843 | 1,825 | 20 | 38 | 2.1 |
| Grain mill | 4,319 | 4,485 | 4,610 | -166 | - 291 | - 6.3 |
| Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.) | 7,422 | 7,481 | 7,450 | - 59 | - 28 | - 0.4 |
| Textile products & apparel | 2,463 | 2,474 | 2,363 | - 11 | 100 | 4.2 |
| Printing, publishing & allied industries | 7,560 | 7,751 | 7,727 | -191 | - 167 | - 2.2 |
| Chemicals & allied products | 2,590 | 2,616 | 2,530 | - 26 | 60 | 2.4 |
| Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.) | 6,915 | 6,899 | 7,037 | 16 | - 122 | - 1.7 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | 524,590 | 523,646 | 524,025 | 944 | 565 | 0.1 |
| MINING | 1,479 | 1,461 | 1,566 | 18 | - 87 | - 5.6 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 25,063 | 26,439 | 25,134 | -1,376 | - 71 | - 0.3 |
| Building construction - general contractors & operative builders | 7,401 | 7,583 | 7,385 | -182 | 16 | 0.2 |
| Construction other than building construction - general contractors | 4,259 | 4,619 | 4,217 | -360 | 42 | 1.0 |
| Construction - special trade contractors | 13,403 | 14,237 | 13,532 | -834 | - 129 | - 1.0 |
| TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES | 46,380 | 46,289 | 46,953 | 91 | - 573 | - 1.2 |
| Railroad transportation | 15,742 | 15,805 | 16,024 | - 63 | - 282 | - 1.8 |
| Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.) | 14,108 | 13,998 | 14,281 | 110 | - 173 | - 1.2 |
| Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services | 16,530 | 16,486 | 16,648 | 44 | - 118 | - 0.7 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TRADE | 159,787 | 160,689 | 161,745 | -902 | -1,958 | - 1.2 |
| Wholesale | 48,266 | 48,338 | 48,694 | - 72 | - 428 | - 0.9 |
| Durable | 24,499 | 24,464 | 25,099 | 35 | - 600 | - 2.4 |
| Nondurable | 23,767 | 23,874 | 23,595 | -107 | 172 | 0.7 |
| Retail | 111,521 | 112,351 | 113,051 | -830 | -1,530 | - 1.4 |
| Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers | 6,389 | 6,486 | 5,729 | - 97 | 660 | 11.5 |
| General merchandise stores | 14,333 | 14,937 | 15,680 | -604 | -1,347 | - 8.6 |
| Food stores | 15,593 | 15,755 | 16,070 | -162 | - 477 | - 3.0 |
| Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations | 15,312 | 15,490 | 15,846 | -178 | - 534 | - 3.4 |
| Apparel & accessory stores | 6,706 | 6,633 | 6,649 | 73 | 57 | 0.9 |
| Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores | 4,046 | 4,181 | 4,136 | -135 | - 90 | - 2.2 |
| Eating & drinking places | 36,827 | 36,426 | 36,773 | 401 | 54 | 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous retail | 12,315 | 12,443 | 12,168 | -128 | 147 | 1.2 |
| Drug stores & proprietary stores | 3,635 | 3,719 | 3,589 | - 84 | 46 | 1.3 |
| Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.) | | | | | | |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 8,680 | 8,724 | 8,579 | - 44 | 101 | 1.2 |
| Banking | 42,661 | 42,742 | 41,448 | - 81 | 1,213 | 2.9 |
| Insurance | 10,802 | 10,798 | 10,519 | 4 | 283 | 2.7 |
| Real Estate | 20,646 | 20,647 | 20,267 | - 1 | 379 | 1.9 |
| Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.) | 4,342 | 4,436 | 4,291 | - 94 | 51 | 1.2 |
| SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC | 6,871 | 6,861 | 6,371 | 10 | 500 | 7.8 |
| Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places | 117,179 | 116,306 | 114,806 | 873 | 2,373 | 2.1 |
| Personal services | 6,545 | 6,474 | 6,500 | 71 | 45 | 0.7 |
| Business services | 6,354 | 6,340 | 6,377 | 14 | - 23 | - 0.4 |
| Automotive repair, services, & garages | 16,396 | 16,541 | 16,242 | -145 | 154 | 0.9 |
| Amusement & recreation (including motion pictures) | 3,813 | 3,809 | 3,841 | 4 | - 28 | - 0.7 |
| Health services | 5,658 | 5,370 | 4,993 | 288 | 665 | 13.3 |
| Educational services | 43,062 | 43,071 | 40,955 | - 9 | 2,107 | 5.1 |
| Social services | 8,583 | 8,132 | 9,509 | 451 | - 926 | - 9.7 |
| Membership organizations | 6,193 | 6,143 | 6,338 | 50 | - 145 | - 2.3 |
| Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.) | 8,515 | 8,481 | 8,908 | 34 | - 393 | - 4.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12,060 | 11,945 | 11,143 | 115 | 917 | 8.2 |
| Federal | 132,041 | 129,720 | 132,373 | 2,321 | - 332 | - 0.4 |
| State | 15,796 | 15,816 | 16,068 | - 20 | - 272 | - 1.7 |
| Local | 32,723 | 30,836 | 32,808 | 1,887 | - 85 | - 0.3 |
| | 83,522 | 83,068 | 83,497 | 454 | 25 | - 0.2 |

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised.

FEBRUARY 1981 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 656 from January 1981 to February 1981. This included a small drop of 288 in manufacturing that was more than offset by a gain of 944 in nonmanufacturing.

The dip of 288 in manufacturing included a rise of 296 in durable goods along with a reduction of 584 in nondurable goods. The chief source of decline in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (-372).

Month-to-month increases occurred in government (2,321), services (873), and in transportation-communication-utilities (91). The chief increases in both government and services were in educational services, following customary seasonal trends.

Month-to-month decreases occurred in construction/mining (-1,358), trade (-902), and finance-insurance-real estate (-81). The drop of 902 in trade included a slight dip of 72 in wholesale trade and a larger decrease of 830 in retail trade. The major decline in retail trade occurred in general merchandise stores (-604).

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries was 3,890 less in February 1981 than it had been in February 1980. This included a drop of 4,455 in manufacturing along with a rist of 565 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 4,455 in manufacturing included a drop of 3,652 in durable goods along with a reduction in nondurable goods of 803. Two categories accounted for about two-thirds of the loss in durable goods: electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,421), and transportation equipment (-982). The major decrease in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (-674).

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (2,373), and finance-insurance-real estate (1,213). Most of the gain in services occurred in health services (2,107).

Year-to-year decreases occurred in trade (-1,958), transportation-communication-utilities (-573), government (-332), and construction/mining (-158). The drop of 1,958 in trade included a dip of 428 in wholesale trade and a decrease of 1,530 in retail trade. The largest loss in retail trade occurred in general merchandise stores (-1,347).

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activity in April 1981 is projected to show seasonal increases in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, trade, finance-insurance-real estate, service and agriculture. Moderate increases are anticipated for construction/ming, trade and service. Small gains are anticipated in transportation-communication-utilities and finance-insurance-real estate. Agriculture is expected to show a substantial rise in employment levels. Manufacturing is expected to have a slight decrease. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in government.

## WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND - APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

February 1981

| | | Applicants Available FY to date [2] | Active File | Nonag Job Openings Received FY to date [2] | Unfilled Total | Unfilled 30 days or more | Applicants/ Openings FY to date | Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo. | Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL [3] | | 72,162 | 33,152 | 21,391 | 4,736 | 3,576 | 3.37 | 7.00 | 75.5 |
| 0 - 1 | Professional, technical and managerial | 8,137 | 3,676 | 1,629 | 1,649 | 1,392 | 5.00 | 2.23 | 84.4 |
| 2 | Clerical and sales | 19,082 | 8,219 | 4,860 | 1,967 | 1,574 | 3.93 | 4.18 | 80.0 |
| | Entry codes [4] | 3,505 | 1,370 | --- | --- | --- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| | 20-24 Clerical | 11,844 | 5,145 | 3,783 | 1,762 | 1,454 | 3.13 | 2.92 | 82.5 |
| | 25-29 Sales | 3,733 | 1,704 | 1 077 | 205 | 120 | 3.47 | 8.31 | 58.5 |
| 3 | Service | 12,487 | 5,890 | 4,319 | 388 | 190 | 2.89 | 15.18 | 49.0 |
| | Entry codes [4] | 1,814 | 783 | --- | --- | --- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| | 30 Domestic | 698 | 318 | 611 | 26 | 10 | 1.14 | 12.23 | 38.5 |
| | 31-39 Other | 9,975 | 4,789 | 1,875 | 362 | 180 | 5.32 | 13.23 | 49.7 |
| 4 | Farm, forestry, fisheries | 2,334 | 721 | 630 | 32 | 13 | 3.70 | 22.53 | 40.6 |
| 5 | Processing | 1,903 | 860 | 1,022 | 40 | 9 | 1.86 | 21.50 | 22.5 |
| 6 | Machine trades | 3,899 | 1,895 | 735 | 106 | 47 | 5.30 | 17.88 | 44.3 |
| 7 | Bench work | 3,787 | 1,788 | 720 | 94 | 32 | 5.26 | 19.02 | 34.0 |
| 8 | Structural work | 9,166 | 4,425 | 2,389 | 125 | 52 | 3.84 | 35.40 | 41.6 |
| 9 | Miscellaneous | 10,962 | 5,382 | 5,083 | 104 | 36 | 2.16 | 51.75 | 34.6 |
| | Entry codes [4] | 1,898 | 863 | --- | --- | --- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| | 90-91 Motor freight transportation | 4,028 | 2,041 | 1,835 | 52 | 14 | 2.20 | 39.25 | 26.9 |
| | 92 Packaging, materials handling | 4,661 | 2,303 | 3,069 | 43 | 14 | 1.52 | 164.50 | 32.6 |
| | 93-97 Other [5] | 375 | 175 | 179 | 9 | 8 | 2.09 | 19.44 | 88.9 |

[1] Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

[2] Period covered: 10-1-80 through 2-28-81. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-81.

[3] Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

[4] Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

[5] Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

# JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

February 1981

| OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY | OPENINGS AVAILABLE | | | | OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NUMBER | | AVERAGE PAY | | TOTAL | | UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE | |
| | Current | Last Month | Current | Last Month | Current | Last Month | Current | Last Month |
| TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS | 3,174 | 3,137 | $ 9,732/yr | $ 9,189/yr | 1,810 | 1,702 | 887 | 771 |
| Professional, technical, and managerial | 650 | 623 | 12,287/yr | 11,643/yr | 514 | 480 | 276 | 307 |
| Clerical and Sales | 1,133 | 1,110 | 8,253/yr | 8,239/yr | 698 | 706 | 401 | 228 |
| Service | 470 | 473 | 3.68/hr | 3.72/hr | 227 | 201 | 92 | 85 |
| Farming, Fishery, Forestry, and related | 53 | 37 | 3.99/hr | 3.91/hr | 23 | 10 | 8 | 3 |
| Processing | 108 | 183 | 4.80/hr | 4.85/hr | 31 | 35 | 4 | 3 |
| Machine Trades | 168 | 154 | 5.26/hr | 5.14/hr | 83 | 77 | 34 | 27 |
| Bench Work | 166 | 135 | 4.20hr | 3.91/hr | 81 | 67 | 30 | 9 |
| Structural Work | 224 | 232 | 4.85/hr | 4.89/hr | 97 | 68 | 24 | 32 |
| Miscellaneous | 202 | 190 | 4.58/hr | 4.21/hr | 56 | 58 | 18 | 17 |

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

February 1981

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb 1981 2/ | Jan 1981 3/ | Feb 1980 3/ | Feb 1981 2/ | Jan 1981 3/ | Feb 1980 3/ | Feb 1981 2/ | Jan 1981 3/ | Feb 1980 3/ |
| MANUFACTURING - TOTAL | $312.45 | $317.49 | $279.73 | 39.5 | 40.6 | 40.6 | $7.91 | $7.82 | $6.89 |
| Durable goods | 310.47 | 312.66 | 275.47 | 39.5 | 40.5 | 41.3 | 7.86 | 7.72 | 6.67 |
| Lumber, stone, clay, glass products | 255.18 | 260.65 | 229.36 | 38.2 | 40.1 | 37.6 | 6.68 | 6.50 | 6.10 |
| Primary and fabricated metals | 316.01 | 313.94 | 282.49 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 39.9 | 7.92 | 7.79 | 7.08 |
| Machinery and transportation equipment | 340.98 | 341.12 | 295.75 | 40.4 | 41.0 | 42.8 | 8.44 | 8.32 | 6.91 |
| Nondurable goods | 322.38 | 322.34 | 284.49 | 40.5 | 40.7 | 39.9 | 7.96 | 7.92 | 7.13 |
| Food and kindred products | 356.51 | 362.95 | 311.08 | 41.6 | 42.5 | 40.4 | 8.57 | 8.54 | 7.70 |
| Meat products | 381.92 | 399.25 | 341.50 | 41.2 | 42.7 | 40.8 | 9.27 | 9.35 | 8.37 |
| Dairy products | 222.37 | 219.83 | 194.66 | 37.0 | 36.7 | 35.2 | 6.01 | 5.99 | 5.53 |
| Grain mill products | 478.73 | 458.83 | 387.35 | 49.1 | 48.4 | 46.5 | 9.75 | 9.48 | 8.33 |
| Bakery products | 253.76 | 253.98 | 228.80 | 33.7 | 34.0 | 33.5 | 7.53 | 7.47 | 6.83 |
| Other food and kindred products | 241.30 | 238.20 | 204.05 | 39.3 | 39.9 | 36.7 | 6.14 | 5.97 | 5.56 |
| Printing and publishing | 238.39 | 242.19 | 248.33 | 34.3 | 35.1 | 38.5 | 6.95 | 6.90 | 6.45 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 287.23 | 315.92 | 296.81 | 39.4 | 44.0 | 44.7 | 7.29 | 7.18 | 6.64 |

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing decreased by $5.04 from January 1981 to February 1981. Durable goods dropped by $2.19 while nondurable goods had a very slight rise of $.04. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $32.72, including a gain of $35.00 in durable goods and a rise of $37.89 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours dipped by 1.1 hours, both month-to-month and year-to-year. Average hourly earnings increased by $.09 month-to-month, and by $1.02 year-to-year.

## ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

(Per 1,000 workers)

January 1981

| INDUSTRY | ACCESSION RATES | | | | | | SEPARATION RATES | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | | New Hires | | | Total | | | Quits | | | Layoffs | | |
| | Jan 1981 [2] | Dec 1980 [3] | Jan 1980 [3] | Jan 1981 [2] | Dec 1980 [3] | Jan 1980 [3] | Jan 1981 [2] | Dec 1980 [3] | Jan 1980 [3] | Jan 1981 [2] | Dec 1980 [3] | Jan 1980 [3] | Jan 1981 [2] | Dec 1981 [3] | Jan 1980 [3] |
| MANUFACTURING - TOTAL | 33 | 21 | 45 | 28 | 18 | 38 | 33 | 28 | 38 | 20 | 17 | 24 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| Durable goods | 30 | 18 | 44 | 25 | 15 | 38 | 31 | 25 | 35 | 18 | 13 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| Lumber, stone, clay, glass products | 46 | 31 | 56 | 22 | 13 | 26 | 70 | 69 | 88 | 34 | 25 | 35 | 31 | 40 | 48 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 23 | 11 | 39 | 22 | 11 | 39 | 14 | 17 | 31 | 11 | 14 | 23 | 1 | 1 | [4] |
| Primary and fabricated metals | 22 | 11 | 29 | 18 | 9 | 26 | 27 | 22 | 30 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| Machinery and transportation equipment | 29 | 16 | 44 | 26 | 14 | 42 | 26 | 17 | 27 | 16 | 10 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Other durable goods | 44 | 37 | 59 | 39 | 35 | 54 | 36 | 32 | 41 | 29 | 22 | 32 | [4] | 3 | 1 |
| Nondurable goods | 36 | 25 | 46 | 31 | 22 | 38 | 34 | 31 | 42 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Food and kindred products | 38 | 24 | 41 | 32 | 22 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 42 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| Meat products | 45 | 25 | 46 | 42 | 24 | 43 | 42 | 39 | 47 | 29 | 32 | 24 | 6 | 2 | 13 |
| Dairy products | 29 | 33 | 41 | 21 | 25 | 38 | 14 | 25 | 27 | 3 | 19 | 21 | 1 | [4] | [4] |
| Grain mill products | 15 | 19 | 21 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Bakery products | 36 | 32 | 23 | 29 | 29 | 16 | 43 | 32 | 46 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 1 | [4] | 13 |
| Other food and kindred products | 42 | 20 | 55 | 22 | 18 | 30 | 35 | 42 | 57 | 25 | 19 | 27 | 9 | 17 | 9 |
| Textiles and apparel | 36 | 32 | 77 | 33 | 29 | 52 | 82 | 46 | 38 | 41 | 24 | 34 | 33 | 21 | 1 |
| Paper and allied products | 23 | 17 | 42 | 22 | 15 | 40 | 13 | 10 | 26 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 1 | [4] | 3 |
| Printing and publishing | 47 | 32 | 35 | 44 | 28 | 32 | 27 | 28 | 45 | 18 | 23 | 29 | 4 | [4] | 1 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 15 | 16 | 53 | 13 | 16 | 23 | 20 | 13 | 27 | 7 | 9 | 19 | 6 | 1 | [4] |
| Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather | 27 | 22 | 71 | 18 | 16 | 65 | 39 | 31 | 49 | 18 | 13 | 37 | 11 | 13 | 1 |

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 21 per 1,000 workers in December 1980 to 33 per 1,000 in January 1981. Durable goods increased from 18 per 1,000 in December 1980 to 30 per 1,000 in January 1981. Nondurable goods also increased during that period - from 25 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Year-to-year accessions showed a decline from 45 per 1,000 in January 1980 to 33 per 1,000 in January 1981. Durable goods dropped from 44 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000 , year-to-year, and nondurable goods also dipped from 46 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000 during that period. Separations increased from 28 per 1,000 in December 1980 to 33 per 1,000 in January 1981, but dropped from 38 per 1,000 in January 1980 to 33 per 1,000 in January 1981. Layoffs increased from 6 per 1,000 to 7 per 1,000 both month-to-month and year-to-year.

## SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

February 1981

| | February 1981 | January 1981 | February 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI) | | | |
| CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS | | | |
| Initial claims | 6,652 | 9,476 | 6,188 |
| Weeks claimed | 65,687 | 63,971 | 53,980 |
| BENEFIT ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payments from UI funds | $5,438,272 | $5,160,977 | $4,678,598 |
| Calendar year to date | $10,599,249 | $5,160,977 | $9,416,731 |
| Average size of weekly payments | $93.37 | $92.77 | $94.06 |
| First payments | 4,462 | 6,225 | 4,325 |
| Exhaustions | 1,318 | 1,324 | 973 |
| Individuals who drew benefits | 19,612 | 19,458 | 16,629 |
| Rate of insured unemployment | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE) | | | |
| Payments from UCFE funds | $82,139 | $83,818 | $65,108 |
| Average size of weekly payments | $75.36 | $73.65 | $77.05 |
| First payments | 42 | 53 | 51 |
| Exhaustions | 34 | 36 | 27 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX) | | | |
| Payments from UCX funds | $41,564 | $42,705 | $36,430 |
| Average size of weekly payments | $91.15 | $92.44 | $82.80 |
| First payments | 28 | 25 | 31 |
| Exhaustions | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS | | | |
| Subject employers - end of month | 37,563 | 37,346 | 38,257 |
| Contributions received | $4,370,105 | $1,855,431 | $4,209,687 |
| FINANCIAL DATA | | | |
| End of month fund balance | $75,398,591 | $73,855,721 | $79,055,885 |

Extended benefits totaled 573 weeks for $49,752.

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 9,476 in January 1981 to 6,652 in February 1981.

Weeks claimed increased from 63,971 in January 1981 to 65,687 in February 1981.

UI benefit payments increased from 5.2 million in January 1981 to 5.4 million in February 1981.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 14,456 in January 1981 to 16,477 in February 1981.

The rate of insured unemployment increased from 2.4 percent in January 1981 to 2.8 percent in February 1981.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 6.2 million, compared to 6.7 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 75.4 million on February 28, 1981 compared to 79.1 million on February 28, 1980.

# NEBRASKA

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

February 1981

| | Amount | Percent of Total |
|---|---|---|
| SEX: | | |
| Male | 11,425 | 73.3 |
| Female | 4,152 | 26.7 |
| RACE/ETHNIC: | | |
| White | 14,282 | 92.0 |
| All other races | 1,295 | 8.0 |
| AGE: | | |
| Under 22 | 2,246 | 14.4 |
| 22 - 44 | 9,439 | 60.6 |
| 45 and over | 3,892 | 25.0 |
| WEEKS UNEMPLOYED: | | |
| 4 or less | 5,809 | 37.3 |
| 5 - 14 | 8,127 | 52.2 |
| 15 and over | 1,641 | 10.5 |

| | Amount | Percent of Total |
|---|---|---|
| OCCUPATION: | | |
| Professional, technical and managerial | 2,734 | 17.6 |
| Clerical and sales | 1,777 | 11.4 |
| Service | 953 | 6.1 |
| Farm and related | 315 | 2.0 |
| Processing | 576 | 3.7 |
| Machine trades | 755 | 4.8 |
| Bench work | 707 | 4.5 |
| Structural work | 5,485 | 35.2 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,275 | 14.7 |
| INDUSTRY: | | |
| Construction and mining | 5,007 | 32.1 |
| Manufacturing | 3,612 | 23.2 |
| Durable goods | 2,031 | 13.0 |
| Nondurable goods | 1,581 | 10.2 |
| Transportation, communication and utilities | 654 | 4.2 |
| Trade (wholesale and retail) | 2,531 | 16.3 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 297 | 1.9 |
| Services | 1,611 | 10.3 |
| Government | 352 | 2.3 |
| Other | 1,513 | 9.7 |

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for February 1981 was 15,577.

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# THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

### Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, FEBRUARY 1981

| | ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) | | | WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Percent Change From | | | Percent Change From | |
| | INDEX 1967=100 | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago | INDEX 1967=100 | 1 Month Ago | 1 Year Ago |
| ALL ITEMS | 263.2 | 1.0 | 11.3 | 263.5 | 1.1 | 11.4 |
| FOOD AND BEVERAGES | 263.7 | 0.9 | 10.5 | 264.3 | 0.8 | 10.6 |
| Food | 270.8 | 0.8 | 10.6 | 271.4 | 0.8 | 10.7 |
| Food at home | 267.3 | 0.6 | 10.8 | 267.0 | 0.7 | 10.7 |
| Cereals & bakery products | 265.3 | 0.9 | 12.0 | 265.0 | 0.8 | 11.6 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 252.5 | -1.0 | 6.9 | 251.6 | -1.0 | 6.4 |
| Dairy products | 242.1 | 0.8 | 10.3 | 242.5 | 0.7 | 10.3 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 267.3 | 3.8 | 17.1 | 266.5 | 4.5 | 18.0 |
| Other foods at home | 323.0 | 0.8 | 12.2 | 323.6 | 0.9 | 12.6 |
| Food away from home | 284.7 | 1.4 | 10.2 | 287.3 | 1.1 | 10.5 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 195.9 | 1.1 | 8.6 | 197.6 | 1.1 | 9.1 |
| HOUSING | 280.9 | 0.6 | 12.1 | 280.7 | 0.6 | 12.1 |
| Shelter | 300.5 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 301.7 | 0 | 12.4 |
| Rent (residential) | 201.9 | 0.5 | 8.8 | 201.6 | 0.5 | 8.7 |
| Other rental costs | 278.5 | 1.7 | 8.9 | 278.3 | 1.7 | 8.9 |
| Homeownership | 335.8 | 0 | 13.3 | 338.2 | -0.1 | 13.3 |
| Fuel and other utilities | 304.5 | 2.6 | 15.4 | 305.6 | 2.7 | 15.6 |
| Fuels | 387.4 | 3.2 | 18.4 | 387.3 | 3.3 | 18.4 |
| Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas | 675.6 | 7.9 | 25.3 | 678.5 | 8.1 | 25.6 |
| Gas (piped) & electricity | 322.9 | 1.4 | 15.8 | 322.1 | 1.4 | 15.7 |
| Household furnishings & operation | 214.9 | 1.1 | 8.0 | 211.7 | 1.0 | 7.6 |
| APPAREL AND UPKEEP | 182.0 | 0.5 | 5.3 | 181.8 | 0.6 | 6.0 |
| Men's & boys' apparel | 171.6 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 172.2 | 0.3 | 5.7 |
| Women's & girls' apparel | 153.4 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 155.4 | 1.0 | 2.7 |
| Footwear | 194.9 | 0 | 5.6 | 194.9 | -0.3 | 6.0 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 270.9 | 2.3 | 13.1 | 272.1 | 2.4 | 13.3 |
| Private transportation | 269.4 | 2.5 | 12.3 | 271.0 | 2.5 | 12.7 |
| Public transportation | 288.1 | 0.6 | 25.5 | 280.6 | 0.6 | 25.3 |
| MEDICAL CARE | 282.6 | 1.1 | 9.6 | 284.4 | 1.1 | 9.9 |
| Medical care services | 305.2 | 1.0 | 9.4 | 307.4 | 1.0 | 9.9 |
| ENTERTAINMENT | 216.7 | 1.1 | 9.6 | 215.0 | 1.3 | 9.6 |
| OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES | 227.4 | 0.5 | 9.3 | 225.6 | 0.5 | 8.6 |
| ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100) | 306.1 | | | 306.5 | | |